

(San Antonio) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez will host a press conference at 2:30pm today at the Audie Murphy Memorial Vet Hospital on the selection of San Antonio as the location for a Department of Veterans Affairs Polytrauma Center. VA polytrauma centers are high-quality and inter-disciplinary health care centers designed to provide comprehensive care to returning service members with multiple injuries and life changing impairments. There are currently only four other polytrauma centers in the United States: Richmond, VA; Tampa, FL; Minneapolis, MN; and Palo Alto, CA.

"San Antonio is the ideal location for the new national polytrauma center," said Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez. "I advocated strongly for San Antonio because our robust medical and military community is well situated for treating the numerous veterans and returning soldiers across the region with severe and complex injuries. As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, I worked closely with Chairman Chet Edwards (Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs House Appropriations Subcommittee) and my colleagues to secure the funds for the San Antonio polytrauma center in the 2007 Emergency Supplemental. I applaud the VA's selection of San Antonio for the 5th national polytrauma center and welcome these brave men and women during their recovery."

What: Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez hosts press conference on the announcement of San Antonio as site for VA Polytrauma Center

Time: 2:30pm, September 12, 2007 - TODAY!

Location: Audie Murphy Memorial Vet Hospital, Front Entrance
7400 Merton Minter St # F112
San Antonio, TX 78229

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